

Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards

David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, made new appointments to the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards. The Council provides advice and guidance on government auditing standards.

The Comptroller General first issued standards for government auditing in 1972; major revisions were made in 1981, 1988, 1994, and 2003. Certain laws, regulations, and contracts require auditors to follow generally accepted government auditing standards promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States. They are widely used in audits of federal, state, and local government programs, as well as in audits of entities receiving federal assistance.

Government auditing is a key element in fulfilling the government's duty to be accountable to the public. Government auditing standards provide a framework to auditors so that their work can lead to improved government management, decision making, oversight and accountability. The standards also provide an overall framework for ensuring that auditors have the competence, integrity, objectivity, and independence in planning, conducting, and reporting on their work.

The newly appointed members will join the continuing members of the Council.

New appointments beginning in 2005:

Chair of the Advisory Council, John R. (Jack) Miller, Retired KPMG Partner and Vice Chairman of Health Care and Public Sector (re-appointed)

The Honorable Ernest A. Almonte, Auditor General, State of Rhode Island (re-appointed)

Dr. Paul A. Copley, Hantzmon, Weibel & Co. Faculty Fellow and Director School of Accounting, James Madison University

Kristine G. Devine, Partner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP

Mark Funkhouser, City Auditor of Kansas City, Missouri

Dr. Michael H. Granof, Ernst & Young Distinguished Centennial Professor of Accounting, The University of Texas at Austin

The Honorable John P. ("Jack") Higgins, Jr., Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education

Richard A. Leach, Auditor General of the Navy

Patrick L. McNamee, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Steve Morgan, City Auditor, City of Austin, Texas (re-appointed)

Brian A. Schebler, Partner, McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, Director of Services to the Public Sector

Barry R. Snyder, Inspector General, Federal Reserve Board (re-appointed)

The Honorable Robert E. Vigil, New Mexico State Treasurer

Those members with continuing appointments on the Council are:

Debra K Davenport, Auditor General, State of Arizona

Dr. John Engstrom, Professor, Northern Illinois University

The Honorable Richard L. Fair, State Auditor, State of New Jersey

Dr. Ehsan Feroz, Professor, University of Minnesota

The Honorable Phyllis Fong, Inspector General, U.S Department of Agriculture

The Honorable Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Energy

Jerome Heer, County Auditor, County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Russell Hinton, State Auditor, State of Georgia

Rakesh Mohan, Director, Office of Performance Evaluations, Idaho State Legislature

Harold L. Monk, Jr., Managing Partner, Davis, Monk & Company, Gainesville, Florida

William Monroe, Auditor General, State of Florida

Robert M. Reardon, Jr., Investment Officer, State Farm Insurance Companies

Gerald A. Silva, City Auditor, City of San Jose, California

James ("Ron") Speer, Formerly Auditor General, United States Air Force

Dr. Daniel L. Stufflebeam, Director, the Evaluation Center, Western Michigan University

The Honorable Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

George Willie, Managing Partner, Bert Smith & Co.

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